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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD
SUBJECT: J-75 Capability

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of AC/DPD. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 3.

2. With the imminence of additional Cuba coverage in support of JMARC and keeping in mind the problem we had with contrails recently, I feel that it would be well to take steps to provide a J-75 capability for that contingency.

3. With the ferry of 351 to [REDACTED] we have completely depleted our J-75 capability in the Z1. However, 358 was returned from [REDACTED] in mid-January and is presently in disassembled storage at Burbank. Our plans were to have it go into IFR mod as soon as 342 was ready. However, since Lockheed has slipped the operational ready date of 342 to some time in the Spring it will leave us without a J-75 capability, except at [REDACTED] for an extended period of time. For this reason, I recommend that we take steps to make 358 operational.

4. If you approve this line of reasoning, I will take immediate action to have (a) Lockheed perform necessary outstanding ECP's, (b) remove paint, (c) assemble and test fly, and (d) insure that 358 has System 3 and System 6 capability.

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The recommendation contained in
paragraph 3. is approved:

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